

Devoted to the mission of, “promoting the provision of high quality, comprehensive and affordable health care that is coordinated, culturally and linguistically competent, and community directed for all medically underserved populations,” the NACHC helps educate Americans on the importance of health care. The NACHC also provides health centers with a unified voice and a common source for research, information, training, and advocacy.

Maine currently has 19 organizations that run 135 health center sites. The 19 federally-funded health center organizations in Maine serve 184,546 patients, 17.8 percent of whom are uninsured, and create over 200 jobs. Mr. President, 89 percent of people relying on these centers live in extremely rural areas of the State. These Mainers would not be able to access adequate health care services if these sites did not exist. The work that has been done in Maine continues to help the State become healthier and smarter.

The theme for this year’s National Health Center Week is “America’s Health Centers: Celebrating Our Legacy, Shaping Our Future.” This theme showcases the numerous ways in which America’s health centers are driving and empowering healthier communities and Americans. With more than 9,000 delivery sites throughout the Nation, health centers employ hundreds of thousands of individuals nationally which, in turn, powers local economies.

During the National Health Center Week, health centers in all 50 States will be hosting a variety of public events to highlight their work in local communities and to honor the elected officials who have supported the work of the health centers. I would like to join the National Association of Community Health Centers in highlighting the success that has been demonstrated over the last 50 years by local health centers throughout the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID ALLEN WALKER

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize David Walker of Fenton, MI, as he nears the end of his term as the 110th chairman of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, also known as the Big “I.” Mr. Walker was installed as chairman of the Big “I” in September 2014, and has been a strong and thoughtful leader for independent insurance agents across the country throughout his term.

Mr. Walker is president of the Hartland Insurance Agency which is headquartered in Hartland, MI. Throughout his career, he has been an active leader at both the State and national level. He previously served as president of the Michigan Association of Independent Agents, president of the Genesee County of Independent Agents, and as the Michigan director on the Big “I” national board.

Mr. Walker has also held numerous leadership positions within the Michi-

gan Association of Insurance Agents, including chairman of the education committee and as a member of the Michigan Legislative Affairs Committee. In all his roles, David has sought to promote an environment where independent insurance agents in Michigan and across the country can thrive by providing excellent customer service.

As I recognize Mr. Walker, I would also like to acknowledge his active involvement in his community. He has served on the board of directors for the Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Walker has also worked as a trustee and president of the Fenton Area Public Schools. He currently serves as a Tyrone Township trustee and sits on the board of the Michigan Basic Property Association. He is also a founding member of the Hartland Rotary.

I am pleased to join Mr. Walker’s colleagues from across Michigan and the United States in congratulating him as he finishes his term as chairman of the Big “I.” I, along with his family and friends, appreciate all that he has accomplished.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY HATFIELD MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I am a firm believer in the power of higher education. It is our Nation’s responsibility to honor the institutions that consistently provide America’s youth with the skills necessary to make our country a better place. I am thrilled to recognize the achievements of Oregon State University’s Hatfield Marine Science Center, on its 50th anniversary as a center for marine studies.

Over the last half-century, thanks in large part to early collaboration with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the Hatfield Center has served students from community college to post-doctoral candidates. In addition to providing educational opportunities, the Hatfield Center works closely with the Environmental Protection Agency to research the most pressing environmental issues of our generation. As climate change and sustainability increasingly impact our Nation’s agriculture and energy policies, Oregonians can take comfort in knowing that OSU’s Marine Science Center has the technology and partnerships necessary to spearhead State, national and global initiatives.

It always amazes me how quickly novel ideas transform into success stories. Since its establishment in 1965, the Hatfield Marine Science Center has worked extensively with the colleges of Oregon State University and various State and Federal agencies to produce seawater systems, experimental wet labs, and other programs that have attracted some of the Nation’s top scientific minds. It gives me great pleasure to say that the Hatfield Marine Science Center is home to the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station—a

program recognized internationally for its innovative approach to the study of marine mammals.

I am particularly excited to witness the results of OSU’s world-class Marine Studies Initiative. In addition to the construction of a top-notch research and teaching facility, the Marine Studies Initiative will offer students the opportunity to see how marine studies intersects with the other elements of a liberal arts education. Thousands of young adults, as well as experienced professionals, will gain a greater appreciation for the role of business, government, and big data in the world of marine studies. The addition of an undergraduate degree program in marine studies, projected to attract 500 students in-residence to Newport by 2025, will yield tremendous partnerships in the years ahead. The Federal Area Re-development Administration must be incredibly proud of the intellectual profit that its \$960,000 investment has produced.

The future of our planet depends upon unique and innovative approaches to the environmental challenges of our era. Higher education is an integral part of the solution. But more specifically, interdisciplinary programs that promote awareness of agricultural, energy, and oceanic issues, and that simultaneously connect the environment to the liberal arts, are a key to building the training necessary to solve imminent problems. I could not be prouder of what OSU’s Hatfield Marine Science Center means for our State, our Nation, and for the world.●

TRIBUTE TO REBECCA ACKERMAN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Rebecca Ackerman, a 2015 summer intern in my Jacksonville office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Rebecca is a student at the University South Carolina, where she is majoring in international studies. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Rebecca for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL ALMEIDA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Daniel Almeida, a 2015 summer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Daniel is a student at the University of Edinburgh, where he is majoring in philosophy and politics. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Daniel for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO LAUREN BALTIMORE

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Lauren Baltimore, a 2015 summer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Lauren is currently a student at Pine Crest High School. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Lauren for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO MAX BERGER

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Max Berger, a 2015 summer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Max is currently a student at West-ern High School. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Max for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KASSANDRA CABRERA

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Cassandra Cabrera, a 2015 summer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Kassandra is a student at the University of Central Florida, where she is majoring in political science. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kassandra for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO EMILY CLARK

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Emily Clark, a 2015 summer intern in my Tallahassee office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Emily is a student at the University of West Florida, where she is majoring in agriculture communications. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Emily for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSHUA COCKREAM

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Joshua Cockream, a 2015

summer intern in my Tampa office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Joshua is a student at the University of Virginia, where he is majoring in political philosophy, policy, and law. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Joshua for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ANTONELLA DAVALOS

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Antonella Davalos, a 2015 summer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Antonella is a student at the University of Florida, where she is majoring in political science. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Antonella for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ALLISON DIENER

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Allison Diener, a 2015 summer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Allison is a student at the University of Michigan, where she is majoring in business. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Allison for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL FALIC

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Samuel Falic, a 2015 summer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Samuel is a student at the University of Miami, where he is majoring in accounting. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Samuel for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO HAILEY FROMKIN

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Hailey Fromkin, a 2015 sum-

mer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Hailey is a student at the University of Miami, where she is majoring in political science. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Hailey for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DESTINY GOEDE

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Destiny Goede, a 2015 summer intern in my Naples office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Destiny is a student at the University of Florida, where she is majoring in economics. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Destiny for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT GUTIERREZ

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Robert Gutierrez, a 2015 summer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Robert is currently a student at Columbus High School. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Robert for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TREVOR HANSEN

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Trevor Hansen, a 2015 summer intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Trevor is a student at Broward College, where he is majoring in international relations. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Trevor for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TODD HIGGINBOTHAM

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Todd Higginbotham, a 2015 summer intern in my Jacksonville office, for all of the hard work he has